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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

First impressions are often lasting ones, whether right or wrong. The "sometimes result in 'Love at first sight' and 'again they don't, hence it is important that they should be as near right as possible for it is sometimes very difficult to remove a wrong impression.

The other day two well dressed, business-like appearing men got off the train, and passed through the depot to come up town. As they came through and caught sight of the litter of old papers, tin cans, ash barrels and other debris lying around in plain view, one said to the other, "That looks like h— don't it?" to which the other replied, "Don't seem to have much pride around this burg."

Now that was an entirely wrong impression of Alma, but it was an impression that has gone out among strangers and someone in Alma is responsible for it, unintentionally of course, but that does not change the facts in the case. In spite of the beautiful rose hedge and other attractive features in that vicinity, the thing that made the greatest impression was the dirt and litter lying around in great profusion.

We are all anxious that Alma should present the best possible appearance, and we all have a personal responsibility in this matter. One dirty place attracts more attention and comment than a dozen clean ones hence it becomes doubly important that we should each recognize our responsibility and do our part.

Alma will be clean or dirty as we people who live here make it. No Ladies' Aid Society from outside somewhere is going to come in and clean us up. We must do that ourselves; and the sooner we do it and the better we do it, the better impression people are going to have of us as citizens.

On the whole Alma is a very clean, wholesome, progressive little city. It can be the cleanest city in Michigan if we choose to make it so. It's our problem.

LABOR DAY

On Monday, the nation celebrated Labor Day. It is fitting that we should set apart one day in the year to be celebrated in this way, but we wonder how many of us recognize the significance of it, or give the matter sufficient thought to celebrate it intelligently.

The laboring people are the bulwark of the nation, and its prosperity depends very largely upon them.

It is customary to class as laboring men only those who work with their hands, but strictly speaking, we are practically all laboring people and our welfare depends largely upon our own actions.

Lately there has been a tendency of certain unions to give the impression that they were really the only laboring men, and that their rights must be considered first. Especially has that been true with regard to railroad men, who have asked for and received successive boosts in wages to the detriment of their fellow workers, who haven't had an equivalent raise, but have had to pay the increased cost of living.

The primary object of Labor Day was for the purpose of giving dignity to labor and bringing about an equality of men whether they toiled in the field, shop, office or store, in order that their families might enjoy the blessings of a just American civilization. We can best accomplish this by co-operation and not by fighting amongst ourselves to see who shall get the most. When we do that we detract from the dignity of labor, and work an injustice upon some of our fellow workers.

The spirit of fairness and justice should prevail at all of our labor councils if we are going to continue America as a great nation.

BLIND ACCEPTANCE

It developed at the White House conference between the Foreign Relations Committee and the President that the only form in which the Japanese agreements for the return of Shantung appears is in the process verbal of the famous council of four. Asked by Senator McCumber if there was any objection to their being made public the President replied, "I think there is very serious objection." He then volunteered the information that he had a copy of the proceedings of the council in his possession, and would see to it that it was carefully preserved.

This means that the Senate is expected to ratify an agreement giving 40,000,000 Chinese citizens, (thousands of square miles of Chinese territory, and vast natural resources of that country to Japan, on the strength of an alleged promise of her representative at Paris that they will all be given back—a promise that was made in secret, in language that is still a mystery, and which the President refuses to reveal even to the co-ordinate treaty-making power that is now considering the proposition.

We believe that treaty-making is a matter of such great importance that the Senate should be fully advised and informed in the matter, and there should be an open and above-board co-operation of the various branches of government. This is a time for us to do things out in the open. Secrecy breeds suspicion and has a tendency to encourage Bolshevism and anarchy which are growing rapidly in this country.

America should be safeguarded first, and then we should do what we can for our neighbors. A man who would be considered a heathen.

Ever since the Government took over the railroads wages have been disturbed, prices of freight and passenger traffic have gone up, service has been poor, and the public has suffered generally. It's about time something was done to put this business on a stable basis and give the public a decent service at a reasonable price.

Carelessness has done a great deal toward the failure of many people. It is difficult to be exacting in the performance of a duty but that is the only way to insure success. It doesn't do any good to say "Oh, my!" after the damage is done; the time to guard against carelessness is today, tomorrow and all the days to come.

Complaint that the distribution of government food supplies was surrounded with so many conditions that people of moderate means could not take advantage of the low prices, was only what could have been foreseen. "Red tape" is a poor string to put around a package for sale to the public.

Good citizenship and common safety demands that we shall all look around home to see what we can do toward reducing the high cost of living and getting things back to a sound basis.

Every time you say an unkind thing about your neighbor or do him an injustice you take away from your own self respect and rob your own life of some of its goodness.

Live as we should today, and we won't need to worry about what's going to happen tomorrow. Each tomorrow will take care of itself if today's duties are well done.

It must be an awful booster club that is behind the cost of living, and it looks as though all the knockers had joined in, since every knock is a boost.

THE CHURCHES

St. John's Church
 Rev. J. Frank Jackson, Rector
 Holy Communion—10:00 a. m.
 Subject: "Giving One's Best."
 Sunday School—11:30 a. m.
 Evening Prayer—7:30 p. m.
 Subject: "Christ, the Life Giver."

Baptist Church
 J. W. Priest, Pastor, residence 802 Gratiot avenue.
 Sunday morning service—10:00.
 Sermon: "Church Life."
 The Lord's Supper will be observed, Sunday school, 11:15.
 B. Y. P. U. meeting—6:30.
 Topic: "Our Relations Toward Neighbors and Friends."
 Evening service—7:30.
 Sermon: "The Love of God."
 Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.
 The Woman's Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. D. L. Johnson on Tuesday afternoon, September 9, at 2 o'clock.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
 511 N. Park ave.
 Subject: "Man."
 Sunday school—9:30 a. m.
 Lesson: Sermon, 10:30.
 Wednesday testimony meeting at 8:00 o'clock.

Reading room located at 1134 1/2 W. Superior street, opposite First State bank. Open daily from 2:30 to 5:00 o'clock except Sunday. All welcome to services and to the reading room.

Presbyterian Church
 Cor. of Prospect and West Superior
 Rev. Willis L. Gelston, minister.
 The pastor is back from his vacation and will preach both morning and evening. All services will resume their usual aspect. The schedule of Sunday services is as follows:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
 Lesson: "The Kingdom of God."
 Matt. 13:31-33, 44-50; 18:2-3; Luke 17:20-21; II. Cor. 10:5-6.
 11 a. m.—Morning worship.
 6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
 All young people of the city are cordially invited.
 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
 Theme: "A Commandment Oft Forgotten."

A cordial invitation is given to all persons in the city to attend these services. The evening service will be more informal than the morning with congregational singing emphasized.

Methodist Episcopal Church
 10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.
 10:45—Morning worship and sermon. Members received from Church Letter or on Confession of Faith.
 7:00 p. m.—Epworth League.
 Topic: "Milestones and Monuments of Human Freedom." Leader: Donald Grover.
 8:00 p. m.—Evening service and Lord's Supper.

This is the last Sunday of this conference year. The pastor would be pleased to see all members and friends at the services of this last Sunday before he leaves for conference.
 Friday night a very important meeting of the Official Board of the church.
 Matthew W. Duffes, Minister.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Rev. P. A. O'Toole, Pastor
 Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m. On week days masses at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.

Piece of Ancient Meteor.
 Meteorites of indicated great age are conspicuous by their absence from museum collections, and it is suggested that such specimens may disintegrate and disappear from time after falling. The British museum, however, has lately acquired a slice of somewhat less than a pound from a meteorite from which is believed to represent an ancient fall. The slice is from one of two similar masses that were found in January, 1905, within a few miles of Dawson, Kansas, and that from their position deep in the oldest gravel of the district are thought to have resided there since the Pliocene age or before. From his study of the original specimens in the Museum of the Geological Survey at Ottawa, R. A. A. Johnson concluded that they are part of a single meteorite shower of Tertiary time.

Dust Is Very Dangerous.
 All kinds of dust form dangers to human beings. Not only does dust exercise a direct harmful influence on the tissues of the organism, but it is the chief transporting agent of germs of infection and contagion.
 Dust is composed of infinitesimal particles of street mud and of refuse of every description which lies on the surface of the soil.
 Bacteriologists say that these particles, when dry, are disseminated in the atmosphere, together with all the impurities and microbes which they may contain, and to which they serve as transporting agents.

Bloody Civil War Battle.
 In 1862, on the 31st day of May, the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., took place. It was a small engagement, but in proportion to the number of men engaged was one of the most sanguinary of the Civil war. An advance guard of the Army of the Potomac, numbering 10,000 men, was attacked by a force of about 15,000 Confederates a few miles east of Richmond. The battle lasted a day and a half and resulted in a tactical victory for the northern soldiers. Each side lost more than 7,000 men in killed, wounded and missing.

Resist the Impulse.
 The impulse to write poorly is one that at one time or another convulses every one of us, but our notion is that quite a number ought to control and smother it and very few ought to attempt it without first consulting friends and the family physician.—Houston Post.

Nothing New.
 "The world's a stage"—and yet so people look upon the revolving stage as a modern idea.—Boston Trust.

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200-acre farm near Alma, good land and fine buildings, to exchange for income city property or smaller farm.

12 acres of good land near Alma for sale. Owner will take Alma city property for part payment.

30 acres between Alma and Ithaca to sell or exchange for city property. All improved and a splendid location.

30 good farms of all sizes and descriptions, for sale on terms to suit the purchasers. If you are looking for a farm it will pay you to call and see me.

We have several properties for exchange; if you are interested call and see us. Call and list your property you have to sell or exchange, and see what we have to offer.

Many modern houses in Alma for sale at reasonable terms. If you have a farm or house to sell, call and list it. If you wish to buy call and see us at once, as the time to buy is before people get their coal in.

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